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SUBJ: ARTICLE FROM MIAMI HERALD

FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN MIAMI HERALD MORNING OF
AUGUST 3:

"U.S. SILENT ON REPORT OF CUBA INVASION PLAN"

"THE STATE DEPARTMENT REFUSED TUESDAY TO COMMENT DIRECTLY
ON A REPORT THAT MEMBERS OF MIAMI'S CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY
ABANDONED A PLANNED ARMED INCURSION INTO THEIR HOMELAND IN
JUNE BECAUSE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TOLD CUBAN OFFICIALS OF IT.

"THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA HAVE CONTACTS FOR
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES," SAID
STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JOHN MADEIROS. HE ADDED, "I'M
CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET INTO SPECIFICS OF
WHAT ANY INDIVIDUAL INCIDENTS MAY HAVE COMPRISED."

MEMBERS OF THE BAY OF PIGS VETERANS BRIGADE 2506 PLANNED
A STRIKE INTO CUBA BY SEA BUT DROPPED THE IDEA, REPORTEDLY
AFTER LAARNING THAT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAD
INFORMED CUBANS OF THE PLANS DURING DIPLOMATIC-LEVEL TALKS
AT THE UNITED NATIONS, ACCORDING TO A MIAMI TELEVISION
(WTVJ-CHANNEL 4) REPORT.

"THE REPORT FOLLOWED SEIZURES BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES OF
AT LEAST SEVEN AMERICAN BOATS IN THE PAST MONTH. ONE STATE
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DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "THEY (CUBAN
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS) ARE OBVIOUSLY NERVOUS ABOUT SOMETHING,6
WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE SEIZURES.

"FICO LOPEZ, THE PRESS AND PROPAGANDA DIRECTOR OF
THE BRIGADE, DENIED THE REPORT. "I DENY EVERYTHING. EVEN
IF THERE WERE IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR AN INVASION OF CUBA, I
WOULD DENY THEM TOO," HE SAID. HE CRITICIZED THE STATE

DEPARTMENT FO MAINTAINING RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT
OF FIDEL CASTRO.

THE REPORT DREW SOME SKEPTICISM FROM ONE LOCAL BAY OF
PIGS VETERAN, FELIPE RIVERO. HE SAID THE "INVASION" REPORT
"SMACKS OF A CHEAP SCIENCE FICTION STORY."

"THE U.S. COAST GUARD HAS WARNED BOATERS ABOUT THE
SEIZURES AND TO STAY AWAY FROM CUBAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN
A RECENT NOTICE TO MARINERS. THAT WARNING, THE COAST
GUARD SAID, WAS TO AVOID ADDITIONAL SEIZURES."
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